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Captain's Corner

Training is an extremely important facet of every military organization. As noted in this issue of Treaty Times, a Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) Challenge Inspection (CI) Training Exercise was conducted recently at Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division, China Lake. We believe that this exercise was particularly important to all Department of the Navy activities because it gave the DON the opportunity to “walk-through” some inspection activity scenarios previously untested. The need for these “walk-throughs” became evident from our observations in earlier DoD-level CWC CI exercises that the OPCW inspection team will press as hard as possible to obtain more and earlier access during an inspection than is strictly required by the CWC. The OPCW inspectors have characterized this “more and earlier access” as a subjective evaluation by the inspection team of the degree of cooperation by the U.S., and therefore a measure of the level of proof and/or lack of proof of the allegation against the U.S. Thus, we must understand that the OPCW’s perceptions of cooperativeness become very important to the U.S. in attempting to demonstrate that the allegations are baseless and that the U.S. is in full compliance with the CWC. Nevertheless, such efforts by the inspection team to

obtain more than what the Treaty requires has created a natural tension between their desire for access in order to address all aspects of their inspection mandate and the requirements of the inspected facility to protect national security and sensitive information. Through these challenge inspection training exercises, we have sought to develop procedures that have been tested in a non-hostile environment and that can be used to permit the inspection team, where appropriate, as much access as possible without risking national security information. There will obviously be circumstances where, because of national security or other requirements, we will not be able to do more than the CWC requires, but these exercises will help us learn how we can do so in a manner that not only does not create a security concern, but is practiced and planned in advance. Challenge Inspection Training Exercises are the crucible in which we will forge procedures that are acceptable to all DON activities, and the Naval Treaty Implementation Program appreciates the cooperation of all concerned in assisting with that effort. My personal thanks to, CAPT Hnarakis Commanding Officer NAWC, China Lake, CAPT Storch China lake XO, and their entire command staff. Well Done!

CAPT M. Maxfield

Treaty on Open Skies



Recent news: (Remember you read it here first, but then where else would you read it.)

NTIP Seeks Volunteers to Review New Training CD

NTIP is developing a CD that commands can use to train new personnel regarding the Treaty on Open Skies. We would like to field test this CD and are looking for guinea pigs, uh ...volunteers to review the CD and provide comments. If you are interested, please contact us.

U.S. Designates New Open Skies Refueling Airfield (OSRA)

The U.S. currently has three OSRAs – Ellsworth AFB, SD, Robbins AFB, GA and Tinker AFB, OK. Effective 1 December Tinker AFB will no longer be an OSRA, and McConnell Air Force Base, KS will assume that role. I guess they can’t say “We’re not in Kansas anymore Dorothy.”

Russians To Certify New OS Aircraft

In a move that stunned the treaty world, the Russians have decided not to use their first year OS Treaty mission quota over the U.S. and will not overfly the U.S. before the end of the year. However, they are still conducting treaty missions in Europe at a frantic pace. Currently, the Russians are working on obtaining and certifying a TU-154, an aircraft with greatly extended

range (gotta get to those Hawaiian beaches), but much less character than the AN-30 (NATO nickname CLANK, you gotta love that). Certification of this aircraft is anticipated in late spring or early summer 2004. I know we said there would be treaty missions any day now about a year ago, but this time we really mean it, treaty missions should begin shortly thereafter.

OS missions, Joint Training Flights (JTFs), and Communications Exercises (COMEXs)

In an effort to reduce the risk of frostbite, the U.S. has begun conducting treaty missions over Russia when it's not so cold, August and September to be exact. Unconfirmed, but not surprising reports indicate they made darn sure the heaters in the OC-135 worked too! We also conducted our first treaty mission over the Ukraine in November. The flight was conducted in conjunction with Canada, a nation whose citizens understand the concept of cold weather and the need to stay warm.

The U.S. continues to participate in JTFs and COMEXs. Bulgaria conducted a JTF over the United States in October and Latvia/Lithuania conducted one in November. Early in the move to DMS, we at NTIP considered changing the name to "Lack of Communication" exercises, but some in the DC area thought that wasn't funny (probably the guy that invented DMS).

Top Ten

Congratulations to the Top Ten Responders for the October U.S./Bulgaria JTF General Alert message, reference number 231400 (yes these are the commands that have us on speed dial and we like it that way):

1. COMLANTFLT NORFOLK
2. NAVAIRWARCENACDIV LAKEHURST
3. COMNAVREGMIDLANT NORFOLK
4. SURFCOMBATSYSCEN WALLOPS ISLAND
5. NAVSHIPYD NORFOLK
6. WPNSTA CHARLESTON
7. COMSECONDFLT
8. SUBASE KINGS BAY
9. COMSUBGRU TEN
10. NAF EL CENTRO

The November JTF messages were only sent to those directly effected by the overflight.

Old News (Last, But By No Means Least)

Your last opportunity to be part of the Open Skies Echelon II data call is quickly fading. The Second Echelon Commander review of the Open Skies database information was due to NTIP by 1 July 2003. This data call offers Second Echelon Commanders an opportunity to review the commands in the Open Skies database,

under his/her cognizance, to determine whether current commands should remain or be deleted and whether any new commands should be added. It also gives commands a chance to update treaty points of contact and other necessary facility information. During this process we learned of a big reorganization that took place in October 2003. That reorganization caused changes and delays in updating the database. Therefore, the effort to update our information continues. If you haven't had an opportunity to review the information or you want to be added to the OS database, contact your Echelon II commander. Changes or questions regarding command information can be sent anytime to our Treaty Support Office, by calling 301-744-4206 (DSN 354-2535), or e-mailing TSOTreaty@ih.navy.mil.

If you have any questions please call 202-764-0910 (DSN 764), or e-mail: ntip_treaty@ssp.navy.mil.

Challenge Inspection Training Exercise (CITE) Naval Air Weapons Station – China Lake

The Department of the Navy (DON) conducted a Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) Challenge Inspection Training Exercise (CITE), 17-25 July 2003 at the Naval Air Warfare Center - Weapons Division, China Lake. China Lake was selected because it



CAPT Mark Storch (Challenge Inspection Officer) and members of the Inspection Planning Staff

presented a number of unique training opportunities relative to its size, its operational and support characteristics, and its unique terrain exceeding 1.1 million acres,

over 2,250 structures, and a work force of over 6,000 people. The perimeter of the station is not completely bounded by a fence; rather, it relies in on the natural terrain to form most of the northern boundary. These features provided exercise participants with challenging scenario.

One of the objectives of the CITE was to exercise potential solutions to previous DoD-level exercise lessons learned in the context of the unique characteristics of China Lake. A second objective was to identify areas of improvement within DON's methodology to then update existing CWC Challenge Inspection documentation.

[The NTIP continues to seek out Navy and Marine Corps facilities that are willing to host future CITES, designed to be low impact to facility operations and at no cost to the facility.] NTIP would like to thank the Commander (CAPT Alex Hnarakis), the Executive officer (CAPT Mark Storch), and their staff for their participation and support of the exercise. Their contributions to NTIP CWC readiness will benefit Navy and Marine Corps Commanders, Program Managers and operational units worldwide.

For more information call DSN 764-0910 or commercial 202-764-0910 or email: ntip_treaty@ssp.navy.mil.

DON Arms Control Compliance Support for Operations and Exercises

DOD Directive 2060.1 requires the Heads of DOD Components to ensure the compliance of their respective Component with arms control agreements. SECNAV Instruction 5710.23C gives the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, & Acquisitions (ASN(RDA))) the responsibility to ensure all Department of the Navy (DON) activities, including but not limited to research, tests, development, acquisition exercises and operations, comply with applicable arms control agreements.

Specifically, SNI 5710.23C directs the identification and review of programs and projects of the operating forces that are most likely to be affected by arms control treaties. The Naval Treaty Implementation Program (NTIP) oversees DON acquisition functions to ensure compliance with all arms control treaties and agreements. NTIP is initiating efforts to provide Arms Control technical support to DON operational commands as well as to the legal advisors assigned in the planning and execution of Operations and Exercises.

NTIP has three main goals from the operational aspect to avoid treaty non-compliance situations: 1) Inform the DON legal community and operational commands on arms control issues so they can recognize potential concerns, 2) Support operational commands by completing arms control compliance assessments when there is a desire or possibility to use fielded equipment/weapons in a way that may be inconsistent with their original purpose, potentially violating a treaty, and 3) Ensure that existing and future DON doctrine and warfare publications address arms control compliance. Circumstances may arise where a certain method of warfare (e.g. use of riot control agents in battle) or new use of fielded equipment or weapons (e.g. the use of unmanned combat aircraft in the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Treaty area of application) may potentially raise Arms Control issues or have reporting requirements to these

treaties/agreements. NTIP will be distributing information on Arms Control Treaties and Agreements to DON operational commands and to the Judge Advocate General (JAG) legal advisors assigned to these commands.

NTIP, as the instrument for DON treaty compliance, is funded and staffed with treaty experts with a vast array of resources and links to program managers for the purpose of resolving arms control treaty obligations for all elements of DON. The NTIP webpage with links to a myriad of information on treaties and programs can be found at: <http://www.nawcwpns.navy.mil/~treaty/>.

Treaty Outreach



Open Skies Training.

We have been busy conducting Open Skies training seminars. We are currently developing a training schedule for the next few months; so if you are interested in an Open Skies Training seminar, please contact our office.

If you are an Open Skies Treaty Point of Contact, please let us know if your information has changed or changes in the near future. In order to notify you of an Open Skies treaty overflight, our notification database must be current.

We are offering training for all personnel impacted by the Treaty including those responsible for responding to Open Skies overflight notifications and those who make command impact assessments. Training can be provided to all hands including command duty officers, operations officers, range officers, program managers, and security personnel. There are also Train-the-Trainer sessions designed to provide the command with the in-house expertise to maintain Treaty awareness and train new personnel. Open Skies training can be brought to you in person or via video teleconferencing. Questions regarding Open Skies training should be directed to 202-764-0910 (DSN 764), or e-mail: ntip_treaty@ssp.navy.mil.

Arms Control Seminars. All Navy and Marine Corps commands can benefit from an understanding of how arms control treaties and agreements may affect them. Each commander is responsible for compliance with all arms control treaties for his/her activity. NTIP is here to assist local commands in doing this. Arms Control Seminars are now being scheduled for 2004. These seminars are at no cost to your facility and can be planned at your convenience. If you are interested in obtaining information about or scheduling a treaty awareness seminar for your command or region, please contact 202-764-0910 (DSN 764), or e-mail: ntip_treaty@ssp.navy.mil.

Further Reading

New U.S., Russian Chemical Destruction Deadlines Approved
http://www.armscontrol.org/act/2003_11/newsbriefs.asp-newUSrussian



States-parties to the CWC have approved the extension of U.S. and Russian interim deadlines for destroying portions of their chemical weapons holdings.

State Department Sets Up New Office to Control Some Conventional Arms
http://www.armscontrol.org/act/2003_11/statedepartment.asp

The Department of State established a new office, the office of Weapons Removal and Abatement, in October with the stated aim of improving its ability to aid countries plagued by excess, abandoned, and unexploded weapons. The office consolidates under one roof programs to address landmines, small arms and light weapons, shoulder-fired missiles, and munitions left after conflicts.

Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (WRA)
state.gov/t/pm/wra/

The office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (PM/WRA) creates local, regional and international conditions conducive to peace, stability and prosperity by limiting proliferation of conventional weapons of war such as light automatic weapons and rocket propelled grenades, and removing and destroying others, such as persistent landmines and abandoned stocks of munitions, that remain and pose hazards after the cessation of armed conflict.

Websites



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Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) Information & Analysis
www.cns.miis.edu

Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)
www.osce.org/

Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL)

www.opanal.org

Department of State

www.state.gov/

Acronym List

CITE – Challenge Inspection Training Exercise

JTF - Joint Training Flight

OSRA – Open Skies Refueling Airfield

DMS – Defense Messaging System

OS - Open Skies

COMEX – Communication Exercise

OPCW – Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

NATO – North Atlantic Treaty Organization

E-mail Addresses



In order to e-mail you and your command this newsletter and other pertinent information regarding treaty compliance and implementation, please e-mail our office with the following information:

- Command Name
- Official Command E-mail Address
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- Commanding Officer Phone Number
- Treaty Point-of-Contact (POC) Name
- POC Official Business E-mail Address
- POC Phone Number

You can also contact us at 301-744-4206, e-mail TSOTreaty@ih.navy.mil.



Feedback

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